

BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Stow Town Building
380 Great Road, Stow, MA
Via Zoom
Meeting Minutes, March 15, 2022

- Call to order at 10:10 AM

Bruce Morgan (Chair) and Leonard Golder (Member) of the Board of Assessors were present. Kristen Fox (Principal Assessor) and Stuart Carter (Assistant Assessor) were also present. All participants participated via Zoom.

All votes were by roll-call.

- A motion was made by Leonard Golder to accept the minutes from February 10, 2022 seconded by Bruce Morgan.
 - Leonard Golder yes
 - Bruce Morgan yes
- Vote: Stuart Carter informed the Board that an additional resident had applied for a CPA Exemption. Leonard Golder made a motion to approve one (1) CPA Exemption Application (parcel U5/2) for fiscal year 2022, seconded by Bruce Morgan.
 - Leonard Golder yes
 - Bruce Morgan yes
- Vote: Stuart Carter informed the Board that a resident had applied for a 41A Real Estate Tax Deferral and that the owners of the property did not meet the requirements for such deferral. Leonard Golder made a motion to deny one (1) 41A Real Estate Tax Exemption for fiscal year 2022, seconded by Bruce Morgan.
 - Leonard Golder yes
 - Bruce Morgan yes
- Office Procedures: The Board discussed permitting the Principal Assessor or Assistant Assessor to sign certificates for Chapter Land, Personal Exemptions and Abatements, both approvals and denials. Instead, Leonard Golder made a motion to permit the Principal Assessor or Assistant Assessor to stamp certificates for Chapter Land, Personal Exemptions and Abatements, both approvals and denials, with Board members' signature stamps *in lieu* of sending/providing the documents to the Board for individual signing. Should a Board member disagree with the majority vote for an approval or denial, as is the procedure with the member physically recusing him/herself from signing said documents, the member's signature stamp will similarly not be used, seconded by Bruce Morgan.
 - Leonard Golder yes
 - Bruce Morgan yes
- The Board had also discussed permitting the Principal Assessor to approve and sign-off for invoices totaling less than \$300. Leonard Golder made a motion to permit the Principal Assessor to approve invoices totaling \$300 or less.
 - Leonard Golder yes
 - Bruce Morgan yes
- There was no other business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approved:



Bruce Morgan, Chair



Leonard Golder, Member

- At 10:27 AM Kristen Fox read the following statement: Pursuant to Mass. General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21.a(3), to discuss Fiscal Year 2022 Abatement Applications, Fiscal Year 2021 Appellate Tax Board litigation and Verizon New England settlement.
- At 10:28 AM Leonard Golder made a roll-call motion to enter Executive Session, seconded by Bruce Morgan.
 - Leonard Golder yes
 - Bruce Morgan yes

The meeting adjourned directly from Executive Session at 12:04 PM

Next Meeting: TBD

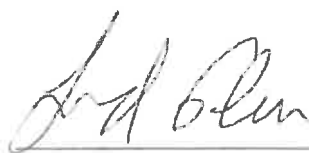
Respectfully submitted,

Stuart Carter, MAA, Assistant Assessor

Approved:



Bruce Morgan, Chair



Leonard Golder, Member